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SUBJECT: SECOND CHAMBER FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE

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1. SUMMARY: DURING SECOND CHAMBER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DEBATE NOVEMBER 28 AND 29, FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL REAFFIRMED GON CONFIDENCE IN CREDIBILITY OF US SECURITY COMMITMENT TO EUROPE. HE DEFENDED GON MIDDLE EAST POLICY AS EVEN HANDED AND BASED ENTIRELY ON SC RESOLUTION 242. HE REJECTED APPEAL FOR GON RECOGNITION OF GUINEA BISSAU AND ASKED FOR FREE HAND ON GREEK ISSUE IN NATO (SEPTEL). FONMIN SAID PRIME MINISTER WOULD MAKE NO DECISIONS AT COPENHAGEN SUMMIT WHICH WERE RIGHTLY IN PURVIEW OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. VAN DER STOEL REJECTED ALL CRITICISM GON EMBARKED ON "WITNESS FOREIGN POLICY" AND NOT PURSUING GENUINE DUTCH INTERESTS. HE ALSO REJECTED OPPOSITION INSINUATIONS THAT GOVERNMENT SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE FOR ARAB OIL BOYCOTT. VAN DER STOEL STRONGLY DEFENDED DUTCH FOREIGN SERVICE AND MINISTRY FROM LEFT WING CHARGES THAT IT WAS BOTH INBRED AND INEPT. DEFMIN VREDLING REITERATED NATO KEYSTONE OF DUTCH AND EUROPEAN SECURITY. OPPOSITION WAS CRITICAL OF BROAD OUTLINES OF GON FOREIGN POLICY, BUT FAILED TO BACK UP POSITION WITH FACTS. COALITION REPRESENTATIVES, LABOR AND PPR, ALSO CRITICAL OF GON FOREIGN POLICY, ESPECIALLY GREECE AND PORTUGAL. FONMIN HAD RELATIVELY EASY TIME. FOR MOMENT AT LEAST PROSPECT OF COPING WITH OIL BOYCOTT SEEMS TO HAVE DIMINISHED PARTISAN SPIRIT WHICH NORMALLY PREVAILS IN PARLIAMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. DUTCH FOREIGN POLICY: NATIONAL INTEREST OF EVANGELISM. SECOND CHAMBER DEBATED FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET NOV 28 AND 29. (DEBATE WAS POSTPONED ONE DAY BECAUSE OF FONMIN'S PREOCCUPATION WITH JUBO JET HIJACKING). OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN (FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER DE KOSTER FOR LIBERALS) KICKED OFF, CHARGING GON UNDER CURRENT LEADERSHIP IS PURSUING "WITNESS FOREIGN POLICY" AS OPPOSED TO POLICY BASED ON GENUINE DUTCH NATIONAL INTERESTS. DE KOSTER SUGGESTED GOVERNMENT'S EVANGELICAL ZEAL AND DESIRE TO RIGHT ALL THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS, OR AT LEAST GIVE DUTCH OPINION ON SAME, HAD LED TO PRESENT DIFFICULTIES. THIS THEME TAKEN UP BY OPPOSITION SPOKESMEN FOR DS'70 AND CHU. LABOR SPOKESMEN DANKERT (CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE) AND TER BEEK DEFENDED GOVERNMENT, ARGUING DUTCH FOREIGN POLICY WAS NOT SIMPLY EFFORT TO REALIZE SHORT-TERM NATIONAL INTERESTS. RADICAL LEADER DE GAAY FORTMAN CHARGED OPPOSITION SIMPLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERESTED IN HOW MUCH MONEY DUTCH MULTINATIONAL CONCERNS COULD EARN WHILE IGNORING FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS. FONMIN VAN DER STOEL REJECTED ALL CRITICISM THAT GON HAD TOO EVANGELICAL AND MORALISTIC FOREIGN POLICY. HE CHARACTERIZED SUCH CONTENTIONS AS "ABSURD" AND NOTED OPPOSITION UNABLE TO PROVE GON'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDWIDE HAD LED TO ADVERSE REACTION EXCEPT IN RIGHT WING PRESS.

3. US SECURITY COMMITMENT. LABOR SPOKESMAN DANKERT ASKED FONMIN TO EVALUATE DEPENDABILITY OF US SECURITY COMMITMENT. DANKERT ARGUED THAT ALTERATION IN US UNCLEAR STRATEGY AND CHANGES IN US-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP INDICATED AT LEAST CHANGE IN, IF NOT ACTUAL WEAKENING OF, US SECURITY COMMITMENT VIS-A-VIS EUROPE. DANKERT WAS SUPPORTED BY D'66 SPOKESMAN VAN MIERLO. FONMIN SAID GON HAD NO REASON WHATSOEVER TO BELIEVE THERE ANY CHANGE IN NATURE OF AMERICAN SECURITY COMMITMENT TO EUROPE. VAN DER STOEL REJECTED SUGGESTIONS THAT US "NEO-ISOLATIONISM" OR DOMESTIC PROBLEMS HAD RESULTED IN RE-EVALUATION OF US INTERESTS IN AND COMMITMENT TO EUROPE. FONMIN STRESSED, AS DID DEFENSE MINISTER VREDELING IN NATO PORTION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE, THAT NATO AND ATLANTIC ALLIANCE REMAINS CONERSTONE OF DUTCH FOREIGN POLICY AND PRIMARY GUARANTEE OF EUROPEAN SECURITY. THEREFORE, GON WILL CONTINUE REJECT EUROPEAN NUCLEAR FORCE, DESPITE INCREASING DISCUSSION OF SUCH FORCE. KVP SPOKESMAN, GENERAL VAN ELSSEN, RAISED QUESTION OF JAVITS' REPORT. FORMIN DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF (AS HAD HIS SUCCESSOR ON COMMITTEE OF NINE, SAMKALDEN) FROM SECTION OF REPORT WHICH SEEMS SUGGEST INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN NUCLEAR FORCE.

4. MIDDLE EAST POLICY. WHILE MANY SPEAKERS MENTIONED OIL BOYCOTT, FEW WENT INTO ANY GREAT DETAIL. VAN DER STOEL REITERATED "EVEN HANDENESS" OF DUTCH ME POLICY ARGUING IT WAS STILL BASED ON RESOLUTION 242, ALTHOUGH HE QUALIFIED THIS BY NOTING ME POLICY OBVIOUSLY MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEW DEVELOPMENTS. FONMIN DETAILED GON'S NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH ARAB GOVERNMENTS IMPLYING ARABS HAD MADE CONSCIOUS CHOICE TO "MISUNDERSTAND" GON ME POLICY. VAN DER STOEL WAS RITICIZED BY HIS PARTY  
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COLLEAGUE DANKERT, WHOL CLAIMED DUTCH SIGNING OF EC ME RESOLUTION REPRESENTED SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN DUTCH POLICY. DANKERT ASKED MINISTER FOR ASSURANCES GON WAS COMMITTED TO SOLUTION OF PALESTINE REFUGEE PROBLEMS OUTSIDE BORDER OF PRE-JUNE 1967 ISRAEL. MINISTER REITERATED GON DESIRE THAT ISRAEL HAVE SAFE AND SECURE BOUNDARIES BUT SAID THERE OBVIOUSLY CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS AND NEED TO GIVE POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF PALESTINIANS SOME FORM OR OTHER. COMPLETE TEXT OF VAN DER STOEL'S ME STATEMENT, WHICH MFA DIRECTOR

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GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TOLD CHARGE NOV 29 CONTAINS

"SOME NEW ELEMENTS" BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.

5. AFRICA. LABOR SPOKESMAN TER BEEK AND RADICALS'

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DE GAAY FORTMAN MADE STRONG PITCH FOR IMMEDIATE GON RECOGNITION OF GUINEA BISSAU WHICH THEY CLAIMED WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY PAIGC. NOTING THAT GON AMBASSADOR IN MONROVIA HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH PAIGC HEADQUARTERS IN CONAKRY, VAN DER STOEL ARGUED THAT NOW WAS NOT RIGHT TIME FOR GON TO TAKE UNILATERAL RECOGNITION ACTION. HE SAID GON WAS CONSULTING WITH SCANDINAVIANS AND OTHER EUROPEAN NATIONS ON RECOGNITION ISSUE, BUT AS YET NO OTHER NATION WAS PREPARED TO FOLLOW GON EXAMPLE. THEREFORE, DUTCH RECOGNITION WOULD HAVE NO "BREAKTHROUGH" QUALITY. FONMIN SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE EFFORTS TO SECURE COOPERATION OF CERTAIN EUROPEAN STATES FOR PRESSING ON PORTUGUESE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN TERRITORIES. FONMIN HAD SUPPORT OF CONFEDERATION COALITION PARTIES AND OPPOSITION BUT RADICAL AND YOUNGER MEMBERS OF LABOR PARTY REMAINED UNCONVINCED. TER BEEK MAY STILL INTRODUCE (NEXT WEEK) MOTION ASKING FOR IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION OF GUINEA BISSAU.

6. CHILE. LABOR AND RADICAL SPOKESMEN CALLED FOR GON ACTION AGAINST "FASCIST REGIME" IN CHILE. FONMIN REFERRED TO PRIME MINISTER'S RECENT STATEMENT IN THE FIRST CHAMBER IN WHICH HE HAD EXPRESSED GON ABHORRENCE AT NEW JUNTA'S OPPRESSION. FONMIN SAID GON CONTINUED TO BE DEEPLY CONCERNED AT DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE. IT WOULD CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IT COULD WITHIN UN FRAMEWORK AND THROUGH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, RECEIVING OF POLITICAL EXILES, ETC. TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF JUNTA'S REPRESSION AND MOVE CHILE BACK TO PATH OF DEMOCRACY.

7. VIET-NAM. FONMIN SAID DUTCH AMBASSADOR PEKING WOULD PRESENT CREDENTIALS IN HANOI DECEMBER 11. DUTCH CHARGE WOULD BE SENT AS SOON AS HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM SOLVED. HE REJECTED RADICAL PROPOSAL THAT DUTCH RECOGNIZE PRG SAYING THIS NOW MATTER FOR VIETNAMESE TO SETTLE THEMSELVES AND OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE WAS UNWISE. FONMIN SAID GON FULLY SUPPORTED IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS PEACE ACCORD. RESPONDING TO ANOTHER RADICAL QUESTION, HE SAID GON CONTINUED TO BE CONCERNED BY QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND HAD MADE KNOWN THIS CONCERN TO SAIGON.

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8. COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM IN CHAMBER ABOUT ADVANTAGE OF UPCOMING COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. LIBERAL SPOKESMAN BERKHOWER (PRESIDENT OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT) WAS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL, ALTHOUGH FONMIN'S LABOR COLLEAGUE PATIJN ALSO DUBIOUS ABOUT MERITS OF COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. VAN DER STOEL, WHO PROMISED THAT NO

DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE BY PM IN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT  
"FIRE-SIDE CONVERSATIONS," SAID PM DEN UYL HAD TOLD  
POMPIDOU SAME THING IN LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE. FONMIN  
ARGUED COPENHAGEN SUMMIT COULD BE USEFUL, ALTHOUGH  
HE WAS AT LOSS TO ANSWER BERKHOUWER-PATIJN QUESTION ABOUT  
USEFULNESS OF MEETING IN WHICH PM WAS NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE  
DECISIONS. MOST SPEAKERS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT A  
TRIUMVIRATE (UK, FRG AND FRANCE) WAS INCREASINGLY CALLING  
SHOTS WITHIN EC AND COPENHAGEN SUMMIT COULD BE YET ANOTHER  
OCCASION ON WHICH GON AND SMALLER EC PARTNERS WOULD SIMPLY  
BE ISSUED THEIR MARCHING ORDERS. EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BEFORE  
POWERS ASSIGNED TO EC IN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND MONETARY FIELDS.

9. US-EC RELATIONSHIP. SEVERAL SPEAKERS QUESTIONED  
FONMIN ON PROGRESS OF EFFORTS TO FOLLOW-UP ON KISSINGER APRIL 23  
SPEECH AND STATUS OF US-EC DECLARATION. VAN DER STOEL  
SAID GON FELT DECLARATION EXERCISE GOING REASONALBY WELL,  
ALTHOUGH THERE OBVIOUSLY COMPLICATIONS. FONMIN SAID GON  
RETAINS ITS BELIEF IN US DESIRE FOR UNITED EUROPE. HE SAID  
GON ALSO SURE USG HAD NEVER UNDER-ESTIMATED PROBLEMS  
ATTENDANT ON SUCH A UNITED EUROPE. VAN DER STOEL  
ARGUED THERE NO REASON WHY UNITED EUROPE AND STRONG  
ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP WERE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE.

9. DEFENSE-NATO. DEFENSE MINISTER VREDELING REPLIED TO  
QUESTIONS CONCERNING NATO (WHICH IS COVERED IN FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS BUDGET). HE REITERATED GON INTENTION TO MAKE  
REASONABLE AND EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO NATO AND SAID  
THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ONE-SIDED CUTS IN DUTCH DEFENSE  
EXPENDITURES. VREDELING STEPPED AROUND D'66 SPOKESMAN  
VAN MIERLO'S QUESTION ABOUT INCREASED DEFENSE COSTS RESULTING FROM  
BURDEN-SHARING, SAYING HE WOULD ADDRESS THIS IN HIS D  
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